

## DEATH OF OLDEST GOVERNMENT CLERK

William O. Conway Fifty  
Years in Service.

EMPLOYED IN LAND OFFICE

Aged Seventy-three Years at Time of  
Death—Worked His Way Up  
Ladder.

William O. Conway, who had been employed in the Land Office for fifty years, died this morning, aged seventy-three.

Mr. Conway was appointed from Maryland and was the oldest clerk in point of continuous service in Washington. He was appointed to a position in the Land Office in February, 1854.

He began as a clerk, and was steadily promoted until he became a law examiner.

Until last Tuesday he attended to his work at the department, and was not confined to his bed until last Friday.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. B. Anna Conway, a son, William A. Conway, proprietor of a drug store at Fourth and C Streets southeast, and a daughter, Mrs. S. B. Wright. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

## MICHENER AND SMITH TESTIFY IN P. O. CASE

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Michener as counsel for some of the investment companies.

"They said they knew you, major, and I thought that was a good enough introduction for them to bring," said General Michener.

The time in which this declaration was made appeared to recommend the bond investment companies very highly. The seeming advantage of the reply was quickly disposed of the next instant, however, when Major Conrad commented, dryly:

"Yes, they tried to employ me on that work."

### To Show Collusion.

The most important evidence given by General Michener related to a court prosecution at Booneville, Mo., where the postmaster had refused to deliver mail to one of the investment concerns. He had done this on his own responsibility, without the issuance of a fraud order by the department.

General Michener, as attorney for the concern, thought this gave good ground for a case against the postmaster. When Barrett heard of the incident he promptly wrote a letter to the postmaster, reproving him for his action. Michener saw Barrett, and the latter telegraphed the postmaster to return his (Barrett's) letter to the department.

Major Conrad's purpose was to show collusion between Michener and the investment concerns, in withdrawing his official letter, for the purpose, as alleged, of strengthening the case of the investment company.

At the afternoon session General Michener resumed the stand on cross-examination. Mr. Barrett was present to take the stand as soon as the witness concluded.

### Reading of Documents.

When the session opened today, Mr. Worthington continued the reading of the documents which he had started to present to the jury last Friday. These referred to the E. J. Arnold turf investment concern of St. Louis, and the plans employed by them to advance their business through the mails.

Mr. Worthington's object was to convince the jury that General Tyner knew nothing of the uses to which that official's opinion on the Arnold scheme was to be put. It was claimed, with General Tyner's signature in fac-simile, as an endorsement of the Arnold plan, after the last qualifying clause had been stricken out.

Mr. Hershey, assistant counsel for the defense, followed Mr. Worthington, and read extensive excerpts from the annual reports of General Tyner and Postmaster General Smith. Addressing the jury, he prefaced his reading by the remark:

"Mr. Taggart read page 4—I will now read what he omitted."

"You mean what he did not read," corrected District Attorney Beach, promptly, to prevent any impression that Mr. Taggart had omitted words or sentences from the sections to which he had made reference, which omissions might have caused a change of sense.

The reading of these documents was for the purpose of showing the practice in regard to the investigation of investment concerns and the issuance of fraud orders.

### General Michener Called.

Gen. Louis T. Michener was the first witness called. He said he was fifty-five years old, came here from Indiana, where he had been State attorney general; became a member of the firm of Dudley & Michener, and had practiced here for fourteen years. He had known General Tyner since 1888, he thought.

Witness said he had been first employed in business before the Postoffice Department by the National Investment Company Association, a voluntary association of seven or eight investment companies, which wanted to arrange some plan which would meet with the approval of the department. They sought to determine upon a plan which would be lawful in every respect, yet feasible from the standpoint of the companies.

The bond investment principle was an interesting and an intricate one, General Tyner had told the witness, when they had first conferred about it.

### Ruling Favors Defense.

As the matters referred to occurred in 1897, Major Conrad took exception and inquired as to the relevancy of the evidence.

Mr. Worthington made an argument in favor of permitting the witness to go ahead with his general story of the Postoffice routine.

"It is the conduct of General Tyner which is under consideration, not the conversations he had with personal, social, or political callers," returned Major Conrad, replying to Mr. Worthington's argument.

District Attorney Beach wanted the witness to enumerate the concerns he was talking about, as members of the "association" by which he had been employed as counsel.

Witness said he could not do so except in a general way, one of the companies having been located in Texas, another in Missouri, another in Kentucky, etc.

The court ruled that the witness might go on with his recital of the circumstances affecting the presentation of these cases before the department.

Witness told how General Tyner and he had discussed the matter at different times, with either of them yielding

## WILLIAM O. CONWAY



Fifty years a clerk in the Government service. His death occurred at his home in Fourth Street southeast this morning.

to the other's views of the case. Finally General Tyner suggested that the witness should confer with Barrett, as the latter was "fresher from the law books" than Tyner himself was.

### Missouri Test Case.

Witness told of a test case, in response to a query from Mr. Worthington. It was a case in Missouri, in which indictments had been found, not on any action by the Postoffice Department, but through the agency of some individual there.

The name of Gov. A. B. Cummins, of Iowa, was mentioned by the witness as one of the prominent men who had taken part in a similar case before the Federal court at Des Moines.

### Views on an Opinion.

Judge Tyner had commented that a criminal action was not the best way to get an interpretation of the law, but any way was acknowledged better than none. The Federal Judge in Iowa had never handed down a written opinion, witness said, having died some time after the hearing.

At this point the prosecution produced the opinion of Judge Wilson in the case, and it was handed the witness. It was headed "Memorandum of opinion."

After it had been read by Mr. Worthington, General Michener reiterated what he had previously said, that it had always been his impression that Judge Wilson had died without having rendered any opinion whatever in the case.

### Michener Kept the Case.

The examination was then directed by Mr. Worthington to the period when the witness had been referred to Colonel Tyner by Mr. Barrett.

"Did your business afterward to go Mr. Barrett?" asked Mr. Worthington.

"Oh, no; it was handled by Dudley & Michener," replied witness.

"A witness here some time ago," said Mr. Worthington, addressing the witness, "said Dudley & Michener were to form a partnership with Barrett & Nelms. Is there any truth in that statement?"

"It's nonsense; not a word of truth in it," responded General Michener, with a look of disgust.

### Advised Turf Concern.

The connection of witness' law firm with the E. J. Arnold Company was then taken up.

Witness said his firm had been employed by the Arnold concern and that consequently his firm was associated with Barrett in representing the Arnold Company before the department.

"We advised our clients," said the witness, "that they should cease guaranteeing the investor a fixed amount of revenue each week, but assure him a proportionate share of the earnings each week. We thought this would surely be within the law and yet give people a chance to indulge in the luxury of horse racing if they wanted to risk their money that way."

### Reputation of Defendants.

The character and reputation of the two defendants were inquired into by Mr. Worthington.

As to General Tyner's reputation, the witness declared with emphasis:

"It was excellent. I never heard a word or a suspicion against his character in any way."

### BAD DREAMS

Indicate Improper Diet, Usually Due to Coffee.

One of the common symptoms of coffee poisoning is the bad dreams that spoil what should be restful sleep. A man who found the reason says:

"Formerly I was a slave to coffee. I was like a morphia fiend, could not sleep at night, would roll and toss in my bed and when I did get to sleep was disturbed by dreams and hobgoblins, would wake up with headaches and feel bad all day, so nervous I could not attend to business. My writing looked like bird tracks. I had sour belchings from the stomach, indigestion, heartburn and palpitation of the heart, constipation, irregularity of the kidneys, etc."

"Indeed, I began to feel I had all the troubles that human flesh could suffer but when a friend advised me to leave off coffee I felt as if he had insulted me. I could not bear the idea, it had such a hold on me and I refused to believe it the cause."

"But it turned out that no advice was ever given at a more needed time for I finally consented to try Postum and with the going of coffee and the coming of Postum all my troubles have gone and health has returned. I eat and sleep well now, nerves steamed down and I write a fair hand (as you can see), can attend to business again and rejoice that I am free from the monster Coffee."

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## M. JUSSERAND AT ST. LOUIS FAIR

To Dedicate French National Pavilion.

CEREMONY THIS AFTERNOON

President Francis and Mayor Wells, of St. Louis, Call Upon the Ambassador.

ST. LOUIS, May 16.—M. Jusserand, French ambassador to the United States, accompanied by his wife and their servants, are here to attend the dedication exercises of the French National Pavilion at the World's Fair, which takes place at 4 p. m. today.

The party is located at the residence of French Commissioner Legrave, which will be M. Jusserand's headquarters during his stay.

President Francis, of the exposition, and Mayor Wells met M. Jusserand this morning at the home of the French commissioner, and at noon the former received the ambassador at the exposition. Luncheon will be served at the French commission in the afternoon.

At 8 p. m. a dinner will be given by President Francis, and on Tuesday night a dinner will be given to President Francis at the French commission. M. and Mme. Jusserand will leave for Washington on Wednesday.

## AUDUBON SOCIETY'S OUTING TO GREAT FALLS

The field excursions of the Audubon Society, established for the purpose of affording the general public an opportunity to make the acquaintance of the birds of this region, have been very popular this year, and last Saturday's trip to Great Falls attracted a large number, including members of the society, members of the society's spring bird class, and many others. Birds, flowers, and landscape formed the varied objects of attention and awakened enthusiasm according to the bent or mood of each participant. Abundant opportunity was offered for satisfaction in each of these lines of enjoyment and those who attended were well pleased with the outing. The destination chosen and the rugged and picturesque shores of the canal are especially attractive at this season from ornithological, botanical, or purely esthetic standpoints, and even a heavy shower encountered on the return failed to dampen the spirits of the excursionists.

Among those attending were Prof. and Mrs. W. E. Sidwell with a party of teachers from the Friends' Select School; Gen. and Mrs. George M. Sternberg, Mrs. Walden Radcliffe, Mrs. J. D. Patton, Miss Elizabeth V. Brown, Miss Ella Given, Dr. T. S. Palmer, Mrs. C. Oberholser, Henry Oldys, Mrs. Garfield, Mrs. William Bruce, Mrs. Macomber, Mrs. Clarence Aspinwall, Miss Raymond, Miss Ida Ossire, Miss Stowe, Miss Stone, Miss Boutell, Miss M. E. Brickenstein, Miss Charlotte Cresson, Miss Nettie Bradley, Miss Kate Bradley, Mrs. Bernard J. Janney, Miss E. D. Rice, the Misses Foster, Mrs. A. C. McLaughlin, Mrs. Kennedy, Miss Kathryn Brown, Mrs. Hamlin, Miss Alice K. Coyle, Henry W. Maynard, Miss Eleanor Sowers, Miss Castle, Miss Susan P. Trimble, Miss Lawyer, and Mrs. Richardson.

### Get Busy Now.

Send your estimates in The Times' election contest along this month, even if you send more later. The best answer of merit this month draws \$100.

## WOULD PUT BLINDERS ON RESTLESS CLERKS

John C. Swan Suggests Remedy to Stop Complaining of Government Employees Over Late Closing Hour.

"Put blinders on department clerks and they won't suffer any more from this four-thirtieths that's bothering the heads of departments. The great trouble is the clerks have too good an opportunity to look at the clock and at each other. Consequently they get restless."

This is the diagnosis John C. Swan, of New York, has made of the dissatisfaction, said to exist among department clerks, and, with instincts of the true horseman, he is about to urge upon the department heads the adoption of the horse trainer's remedy for youngsters which persist in looking everywhere but at the track in front of them.

Mr. Swan came to Washington especially to see Secretary Moody about the falling off in work in the Navy Department since the extension of the office hours from 4 o'clock to 4:30, and was much disappointed when he was told that the Secretary of the Navy is away on a yachting trip.

"Huh, guess he needs some blinders, or some weights, too," the reformer remarked. "He's not setting a good example to those clerks. No wonder the work has fallen behind."

"Concentration is the secret of successful work in these days," said the reformer, in explaining his mission. "I am teaching employers how to make it possible for workmen to devote their entire attention to work. Throw a lot of people in a big room without partitions and screens and they get to looking at each other. Can't help it. If there's a lazy or restless man in the lot his mind will act on the minds of the others, and the first thing you know all in the room will be looking around and growing restless."

"If that restless man couldn't look at the other clerks the telepathic communication would not be so direct. Eyes make most of the trouble, and this can be avoided by the use of blinders or screens or some other device which will afford a degree of privacy for every clerk."

## MEETING IN AID OF CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS

Gathering of Young People's Societies of Various Churches—The Summer Outing Plan.

The attention of the people of Washington is called to the public mass meeting to be held in the First Congregational Church on Wednesday evening.

This meeting is expected to be an interesting one. Commissioner Macfarland will preside, and Charles F. Weiler, general secretary of the Associated Charities, will give one of his illuminating talks.

Assistant Secretary Robert B. Armstrong of the Treasury Department, has consented to speak in the interests of the summer outings and public playground work. Secretary Armstrong takes a very earnest interest in these two lines of philanthropic work, and it is expected that his address will greatly help the committees in enlisting active interest and support of the young people of Washington.

The meeting will be held especially as a mass meeting of the young people's societies of the various churches. Nearly all the leading churches have sent in requests for from 10 to 100 tickets each, and the officers of the Associated Charities anticipate a very large attendance. The general public is invited to be present.

Among those attending were Prof. and Mrs. W. E. Sidwell with a party of teachers from the Friends' Select School; Gen. and Mrs. George M. Sternberg, Mrs. Walden Radcliffe, Mrs. J. D. Patton, Miss Elizabeth V. Brown, Miss Ella Given, Dr. T. S. Palmer, Mrs. C. Oberholser, Henry Oldys, Mrs. Garfield, Mrs. William Bruce, Mrs. Macomber, Mrs. Clarence Aspinwall, Miss Raymond, Miss Ida Ossire, Miss Stowe, Miss Stone, Miss Boutell, Miss M. E. Brickenstein, Miss Charlotte Cresson, Miss Nettie Bradley, Miss Kate Bradley, Mrs. Bernard J. Janney, Miss E. D. Rice, the Misses Foster, Mrs. A. C. McLaughlin, Mrs. Kennedy, Miss Kathryn Brown, Mrs. Hamlin, Miss Alice K. Coyle, Henry W. Maynard, Miss Eleanor Sowers, Miss Castle, Miss Susan P. Trimble, Miss Lawyer, and Mrs. Richardson.

It was at this point that Mr. Worthington engaged Major Conrad in a colloquy as to the latter's accurate quoting of the witness' replies.

At the opening of the afternoon session the trial was delayed by an argument in another case, on which Judge Pritchard's decision was desired. General Michener then resumed. While the arguments in the outside case were in progress Major Conrad introduced himself to Mr. Smith and they had an exchange of pleasantries.

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The President has appointed as consul to Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Colombia, and Ecuador, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Mr. Peterson is one of the proprietors of the "New York Age." He is clerk of the vestry of St. Philip's P. E. Church, the oldest colored Episcopal Church in the country, and is also a director of the St. Philip's Home for aged and infirm colored people.

The President has received the highest commendations of Mr. Peterson, both as to his character and capability.

## KENNY WILL SERVE AS PANAMA TREASURER

Rear Admiral Has Already Signed Bond to Assume the Office.

It was stated positively at the offices of the Isthmian Canal Commission today that Rear Admiral A. S. Kenny has not declined the position of treasurer for the commission, as reported.

The admiral has already signed a bond to assume office as treasurer. The fact that Eugene C. Tobey was appointed a paymaster at Colon by the commission has nothing to do with Admiral Kenny's position, as the latter is to be located in Washington and the auditing of accounts will be in his hands.

Both Senator Calderon, the Peruvian minister, and Senator Ferreira, the Brazilian charge d'affaires, called on Acting Secretary Loomis at the State Department and reviewed with him the claims of their governments to the disputed territory which is about to involve the Latin-American republics in war.

STANDARD OIL DECLARES ANOTHER BIG DIVIDEND

NEW YORK, May 16.—The Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey, has declared a quarterly dividend of \$8 per share, payable June 15, as compared with a dividend of \$7 for the same period last year.

Including the dividend declared today the company has declared \$24 in dividends on each share this year.

LEGACY BROUGHT DEATH.

VIENNA, May 16.—A Viennese, named Anton Hansleitner, having inherited a considerable legacy, celebrated the occasion by drinking a gallon of beer mixed with rum. He died shortly after the experiment.

SERGEANT'S LONG SERVICE.

LONDON, May 16.—Sergeant William Colebrook, the Marylebone police court gaoler, who, after twenty-six years on the police force, has just retired on a pension, has had during his twelve years at Marylebone 125,829 prisoners through his hands, and has had to record fines amounting on the average to £100 a week.

## WILL INVESTIGATE DISTRICT JAIL

Peyton Gordon Delegated to the Task.

WILL BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY

Inquiry Grows Out of Charges Preferred by a Negro Woman, Ada Cross.

District Attorney Beach will tomorrow or Wednesday begin an investigation of the charge made by Ada Cross, the negro prisoner, concerning her alleged ill-treatment in the District Jail. When called before Justice Pritchard on Friday last the woman said she was without just cause beaten by one or more of the guards at the jail.

Justice Pritchard directed Mr. Beach to make an investigation of the charge and have the grand jury return indictments against all persons shown to be implicated in mistreating the prisoner.

Mr. Beach is engaged in the Tyner-Barrett trial in Criminal Court No. 1 and cannot give his personal attention to the investigation. Assistant District Attorney Peyton Gordon has therefore been designated by the District Attorney to prosecute the investigation.

Will Take Testimony.

Mr. Gordon will make the investigation by depositions. He will visit the jail in a day or two, with a stenographer, and take depositions of all persons concerned in the disciplining of the prisoner.

A special effort will be made to discover by what means Ada Cross procured liquor, on Friday, a week ago, between the time she left the jail for the city hall and when she returned to the prison. On that occasion, Warden Harris says, the woman returned to the jail in a state of intoxication.

SENATOR PROCTOR GOES TO HIS HOME

Senator Redfield Proctor left Washington this afternoon for his home in Vermont, but his departure does not indicate completion of his labors by the committee on investigation into Red Cross affairs, of which he is chairman.

Upon his return, in about two weeks, the Senator probably will be asked to put into effect a plan which he has for carrying on the affairs of the Red Cross.

PYTHIANS TO PLACE CORNERSTONE IN POSITION

Interesting ceremonies will be observed at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon when the cornerstone of the new Pythian Temple will be laid.

The new building, which is to be the future Washington home of the Knights of Pythias, is to be situated in Ninth Street, between Massachusetts Avenue and L Street northwest, and promises to add another attractive lodge home to those contemplated for Washington.

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